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SUBJECT: DISPOSITON OF KHMER MILITARY TRAINEES ABROAD

1. THE PRECARIOUS STATE OF PHNOM PENH AND THE  
POSSIBLTY THAT THAT KHMER COMMUNISTS COULD DOMINATE THE  
CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT RAISE THE QUESTION AS TO THE APPROPRIATE  
DISPOSITION OF KHMER MILITARY TRAINEES STUYDING IN BOTH THE  
US AND THAILAND. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE COURSES  
OF ACTION:

A. IF COMMUNIST ELEMENTS TAKE OVER, OR JOIN THE GOVERNMENT  
IN SUCH A MANNER THAT COMMUNIST DOMINATION WOULD SOON BE  
A CERTAINTY, ALL TRAINING FOR KHMER MILITARY UNDER US MAP  
SHOULD CEASE FORTHWITH.

B. ALL KHMER TRAINEES SHOULD BE OFFERED THE OPTION OF  
IMMEDIATE RETURN TO CAMBODIA, OR ASYLUM INTHE US OR A  
THIRD COUNTRY OF THEIR CHOICE. THOSE TRAINEES STUDYING IN  
THAILAND WOULD NOT BE OFFERED ASYLUM IN THE US, BUT WOULD  
RECEIVE US ASSISTANCE INFINDING AN APPROPRIATE  
HOME IN EXILE IF THEY DID NOT CHOOSE RETURN TO CAMBODIA.

C. IF A GOVERNMENT EVENTUATES THAT APPEARS TO HAVE A  
REASONABLE CHANCE FOR SUCCESS AS A BI-PARTISAN COALITION,  
THEN THE KHMER TRAINEES SHOULD BE OFFERED THE OPTION OF  
CONTINUING THEIR COURSES OF STUDY EHTER UNTIL COMPLETION  
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OR UNTIL SUCH A TIME THAT COMMUNIST TAKEOVEROF THE

CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT APEARS BOTH INEVITABLE AND IMMINENT.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THE DEPARTMENT'S OPINION ON THIS  
MATTER.  
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